

A RESOLUTION

25-403

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 9, 2024

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Confirmation Act of 1978 and the Historic Landmark and Historic District Protection Act of 1978 to allow members of the Historic Preservation Review Board to continue to serve in a hold-over capacity for up to 225 days.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Historic Preservation Review Board Succession Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) This purpose of this legislation is to allow the Historic Preservation Review Board (“HPRB”) to maintain a quorum until one of its 5 current members, Marnique Heath, can be renominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council by extending the holdover length of HPRB members to 225 days.

(b) The HPRB consists of 9 members but there are 4 vacancies. Of the 5 filled seats, Marnique Heath is currently serving in a holdover capacity that will lapse on or around January 17, 2023. Under current law, most appointments to boards and commissions can serve in a holdover capacity for up to 180 days.

(c) The Executive has indicated that Ms. Heath’s nomination will be transmitted to the Council soon. The emergency legislation will allow Ms. Heath to continue to serve until the Council can act on her nomination.

Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Historic Preservation Review Board Succession Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.